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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/036,434	Applicant(s) WALLACH ET AL.	
	Examiner Dong Jiang	Art Unit 1646	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED OFFICE ACTION

The request filed on 30 November 2005 for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/036,434 is acceptable, and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Applicant's amendment filed on 05 April 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Following the amendment, claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are canceled, and claims 1, 2, 6 and 10 are amended.

Currently, claims 1, 2, 6 and 10 are pending and under consideration.

Withdrawal of Objections and Rejections:

All objections and rejections of claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are moot as the applicant has canceled the claims.

Formal Matters:

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the amended claim language of "said protein being of sufficient purity to allow determination of the N-terminal amino acid sequence thereof" does not appear in the specification, which is also indicated in applicants response (page 6, mid of the second paragraph).

Note, such amendment does not constitute new matter as the specification teaches protein purification (page 19), and the N-terminal amino acid sequencing of said protein (pages 25-26).

Rejections Over Prior Art:

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seckinger et al. (J. Exp. Med., April 1, 1988, 167(4): 1151-6), in view of Dayer et al. (J. Exp. Med., 1985, 162: 2163-2168), for the reasons of record set forth in the last Office Action mailed on 2/24/04, and 3/31/05.

Applicants argument filed on 05 April 2006 has been fully considered, but is not deemed persuasive for reasons below.

At pages 5-6 of the response, the applicant argues that claims 2 and 3 in the grandparent application 08/474,691 were allowed over identical references in light of the identical evidence as submitted herein, thus, the present claims should be allowed. This argument is not persuasive because each case is prosecuted on its own merit.

At pages 6-7 of the response, the applicant argues, with respect to the new claim limitation of purity, that while such language does not appear in the specification, as sufficient purity to allow N-terminal sequencing is implicated in the specification, this claim language complies with the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. This argument is not persuasive because although the newly added claim limitation is acceptable regarding its compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, it is not sufficient to overcome the instant prior art rejection because there is no evidence indicating what had been accomplished in the instant application, i.e., partial N-terminal sequencing of the polypeptide, could not have been achieved by using Seckinger's

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purified inhibitor of TNF- α . As such, the purity limitation is not sufficient to distinguish the presently claimed polypeptide from that of Seckinger's.

Conclusion:

No claim is allowed.

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Advisory Information:

All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the application prior to entry under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Dong Jiang whose telephone number is 571-272-0872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol, can be reached on 571-272-0835, can be reached on 571-272-0829. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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